



An Ohio State student asks questions of the expert faculty panel during their discussions on the uprisings in the Middle East. This event was held in Saxbe Auditorium on Tuesday, March 8, 2011.



The Mershon Center for International Security Studies along with the Politics, Society and Law Scholars presented a faculty panel on the revolutions in the Middle East and the implications of these uprisings for United States foreign policy.



Over three hundred people joined a panel of Ohio State faculty experts and a moderator to discuss the revolutions in the Middle East. From left to right: Moderator Mark Grimsley, Associate Professor of History, Carter Findley, Humanities Distinguished Professor of History, Richard Herrmann, Distinguished Professor of Political Science; Director, Mershon Center, Peter Mansoor, Gen. Raymond E. Mason Jr. Chair in Military History, Georges Tamer, M.S. Sofia Chair in Arabic Studies in Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (NELC), and Sabra Webber, Associate Professor of Comparative Studies and Near Eastern Languages and Cultures.



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Carter Findley, Humanities Distinguished Professor of History speaks to his expertise area of focus, the history of Islamic civilization, with emphasis on the Ottoman Empire and the modern Middle East. He also co-founded Ohio State's world history program.



Richard Herrmann, Distinguished Professor of Political Science and the Director of the Mershon Center concentrates on international relations and political psychology. He has written about the role of perception and imagery in foreign policy as well as on the importance of nationalism and identity politics in world affairs. His areas of interests include American foreign policy and the politics of the Middle East and Russia.



Peter Mansoor, Gen. Raymond E. Mason Jr. Chair in Military History is a specialist in modern U.S. military history, World War II, Iraq War, and counterinsurgency warfare.



Georges Tamer, M.S. Sofia Chair in Arabic Studies in Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, research interests include the Koran and the Arabic literature in the context of Late Antiquity, Arabic poetry, medieval Arabic Philosophy as well as its reception in modern political philosophy. His other areas of expertise include Islamic thought, Christian- and Judeo-Arabic literature, inter-religious discourses as well as Islam and Modernity.



Sabra Webber, Associate Professor of Comparative Studies and Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, includes a series of images that depict the revolution in Tunisia.



Sabra Webber, Associate Professor of Comparative Studies and Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, is an expert on Tunisia and speaks to the historical context of the revolution in the country.



Mark Grimsley, Associate Professor of History, was the moderator for the event.



Richard Herrmann, Distinguished Professor of Political Science; Director, Mershon Center, Peter Mansoor, Gen. Raymond E. Mason Jr. Chair in Military History, Georges Tamer, M.S. Sofia Chair in Arabic Studies in Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (NELC), and Sabra Webber, Associate Professor of Comparative Studies and Near Eastern Languages and Cultures take questions from the audience during the faculty panel about the revolutions in the Middle East.